



PLANNING STUDY *and* ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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## JOIN US FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON THE SOUTHEAST EXTENSION! *N.C. Turnpike Authority schedules three meetings to update residents*

**IN JANUARY, the N.C. Turnpike Authority (NCTA)** began studying the possibility of a new toll road called the “*Southeast Extension*” that would connect to the Triangle Expressway, another toll road currently under construction in Wake and Durham counties. This new road would span nearly 30 miles through southeastern Wake County and connect the NC 55 Bypass near Apex to the US 64/264 Bypass in Knightdale.

NCTA engineers and other representatives would like to update you on this proposed new road, answer your questions, and hear what you think. Please plan to attend one of the meetings.

These meetings will be in an open-house format, so you can arrive at your convenience. The same information will be presented at each of the three workshops, which are being held in different parts of the project study area.

**Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, 4pm–7pm**

**Wake Technical Community College**

*Student Services Building, Rooms 213/214*

*Raleigh, NC 27603*

**Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, 6pm–9pm**

**Holly Springs High School**

*5329 Cass Holt Road*

*Holly Springs, NC 27540*

**Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, 4:30pm–7:30pm**

**Barwell Road Community Center**

*3935 Barwell Road*

*Raleigh, NC 27610*

## **Project Schedule**

• Draft Environmental Impact Statement	2012
• Final Environmental Impact Statement	2013
• Final Approval of Project Route (Record of Decision)	2013
• Phase I Construction Begins	Contingent on funding
• Phase II Corridor Protection	Contingent on funding
• Phase I of Southeast Extension Open to Traffic	To be determined

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), NCTA will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in these workshops. To receive special services, please contact the project team by phone (800) 554-7849 or email [southeast@ncturnpike.org](mailto:southeast@ncturnpike.org). Please provide adequate notice prior to the date of the meeting so that arrangements can be made.



## WHAT IS BEING STUDIED? ■

Three different plans that involve building or expanding roads to address growing traffic in southern Wake County are under consideration by NCTA at this time. There is also the fourth option of not building a new road or expanding existing roads, which is under consideration as well.

## OPTIONS

### 1 Build a New Roadway

Construct a new roadway between NC 55 near Apex to the US 64/US 264 Bypass in Knightdale. Several possible routes are under consideration as new location build alternatives (see map, opposite page).

### 2 Improve Existing Roadways

Widen Interstate 40 from west of Raleigh to the Clayton area, Interstate 440 from Interstate 40 to the US 64/US 264 Bypass, and the US 64/US 264 Bypass from Interstate 440 to the eastern study area boundary.

### 3 New Road Construction/Improve Existing Road Option

Construct a new roadway between NC 55 near Apex to Interstate 40 near the Wake/Johnston County line; and widen Interstate 40 from Interstate 440 to the Clayton area, Interstate 440 from Interstate 40 to the US 64/US 264 Bypass, and the US 64/US 264 Bypass from Interstate 440 to the eastern study area boundary.

## NEXT STEPS ■

Each of these options is being studied. Some of the study criteria include:

- *What is the potential impact to existing homes, businesses, parks and other places people live, work, learn or play?*
- *How will building or expanding roads impact the natural environment?*
- *Will these options help reduce traffic congestion?*
- *What do residents, elected officials, government agencies and others think?*

**Your input is important in this step!**

**Join us for the informational meetings to offer your thoughts and opinions.**

After this initial study, a smaller number of options will be studied in greater depth. More information about which options were selected, and the reasons why they were selected, will be available after November 1 on the NCTA website [www.ncturnpike.org/projects/southeast/documents.asp](http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/southeast/documents.asp).

In-depth studies of each option will begin in early 2011. Once all the research is done, a recommendation of which option best meets the needs of the community will be made. This information will be described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which should be released in 2012. During this process, and even after the Draft EIS is released, public input will be accepted.



(As of September 2010)





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***Let Us Know What You Think!***

Your thoughts and questions are important to us. We encourage your input and there are many ways you can reach us:

**Web** | Visit our website at [www.ncturnpike.org/projects/southeast/](http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/southeast/)  
and our project blog at [southeastextension.blogspot.com](http://southeastextension.blogspot.com).

**E-mail** | Send us a comment via e-mail to [southeast@ncturnpike.org](mailto:southeast@ncturnpike.org).

**Telephone** | Call our toll-free hotline at **1-800-554-7849**.

**Letter** | Send your letter to: **Ms. Jennifer Harris, P.E.**  
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